GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL GAS FROM KRISHNA GODAVARI BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the findings and availability of natural gas for commercial sale and purchase from Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) whether the government has received a proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to speed up approval of a local pipeline network company and extend same concessions to Krishna-Godavari Gas Network Private Ltd. (KGGNL) as are being enjoyed by GAIL; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): Total gas production in the KG Basin was approximately 6.47 MMSCMD during 2006-07. 40MMSCMD of gas production is expected to commence from KG Basin D-6 block from July, 2008, which is projected to increase to 80MMSCMD in 2011-12.

(b) & (c): Government had received a proposal from Krishna Godavari Gas Network Limited (KGGNL) for grant of authorization for laying, building and operating common carrier natural gas pipelines in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

The policy adopted by MOP&NG is that authorization for laying, building and operating common carrier natural gas pipelines is granted only on the basis of a gas sourcing tie-up with a producer, whose production profile is duly certified. KGGNL has informed that its gas pipeline network would be based on offshore fields of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC) in the KG Basin. DGH has informed that GSPC has two discoveries in the KG basin, namely, KG-8 & KG-17. As the production profile of these fields has not been certified by DGH, the authorization to KGGNL could not be granted. The Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board has now been constituted and they are now authorized in this regard.